

## **FIREFIGHTER/OPERATOR**

(Competitive Class)

### **DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS**

The class of Firefighter/Operator comprises entrance level positions in the classified firefighting division of fire department operations. Employees of this class receive training in and perform firefighting and fire suppression tasks such as controlling and extinguishing fires, performing rescue work, and driving, operating, and maintaining fire department vehicles. Firefighter/Operators perform fire prevention tasks which include fire inspections and public fire education. Employees of this class are supervised by and receive work assignments from the Fire Chief. This class ranks directly below that of Fire Chief.

### **EXAMPLES OF WORK**

Examples listed below are illustrative only. They are not intended to include all duties which may be assigned, neither are they intended to exclude other duties which may be logical assignments to this class.

Participates in assigned training drills either as an individual or as a member of a group. Attends special schools or courses assigned. Reads and studies assigned material related to performance of work.

Trains for and performs firefighting and rescue tasks such as size-up; connecting, carrying, and operating hose lines; ventilating buildings; gaining forcible entry; using ladders, lines, and other equipment to aid in fighting fires; handling special situations such as hazmat emergencies; or removing fire and accident victims to safety.

Drives fire apparatus to and from fire or emergency scene. Positions apparatus and connects to supply source. Operates pumper to supply adequate pressure to the nozzle. Calculates required water flow; intake and discharge pressures; and determines the number of required hose lines necessary for fire suppression.

Administers first aid and emergency medical services to victims of fire and accident either on the scene of an emergency or en route to the hospital.

Performs tasks necessary to protect property using covers, tarps, or other materials. Locates and extinguishes hidden fires and hot spots. Shores up or tears down weak and dangerous structural components. Removes debris and charred waste.



Participates in fire investigation and fire cause determination. Informs officer in charge of suspected arson. Recognizes, notes, and preserves evidence of arson. Observes witnesses at the fire scene and questions witnesses to determine fire cause.

Participates in fire inspections of commercial buildings, schools, and residences for fire hazards and compliance to fire codes. Participates in public fire prevention education programs.

Cleans, dries, inspects, and properly secures any assigned fire fighting equipment such as hoses, hand tools, portable breathing apparatus, ladders, or related equipment. Cleans fire vehicles. Performs periodic tests on apparatus and equipment as required.

Inspects fire hydrants, conducts flow tests, and periodically flushes hydrants to remove rust and sediment.

Performs tasks necessary for the proper maintenance of station and grounds such as cleaning floors and windows, emptying trash cans, mowing grass, and notifying Chief of needed repairs.

Performs public relations duties such as calming excited citizens at a fire scene, receiving and responding to complaints from the public, and providing information to the public concerning the work of the fire department. Conducts fire station tours.

Completes forms and records as required.

Performs related duties as assigned.

#### **QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Unless otherwise specified, all requirements must be met by the filing deadline for application for admission to the examination.

Must meet all requirements of the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Law, including being a citizen of the United States and of legal age.

Must have a high school diploma or a valid certificate of equivalency issued by a state department of education.

Must not be less than eighteen (18) years of age.

Must possess a valid driver's license.

After offer of employment, but before beginning work in this class, must pass a physical examination, the selection and administration of which shall be authorized by the Appointing

Authority, designed to demonstrate good health and physical fitness sufficient to perform the essential duties of the position, with or without accommodation.